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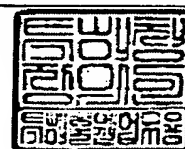
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<p>1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>3</u> sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).</p> <p>These annexes consist of a total of _____ sheets.</p> <p>3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <p>I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the report</p> <p>II <input type="checkbox"/> Priority</p> <p>III <input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability</p> <p>IV <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention</p> <p>V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement</p> <p>VI <input type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited</p> <p>VII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application</p> <p>VIII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application</p>		
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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

☒ the international application as originally filed☐ the description:

pages _____, as originally filed

pages _____, filed with the demand

pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

☐ the claims:

pages _____, as originally filed

pages _____, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19

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2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is

☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).☐ the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

☐ contained in the international application in written form.☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.4. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:☐ the description, pages _____☐ the claims, Nos. _____☐ the drawings, sheet _____

5.

☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this opinion as "originally filed." and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item I and annexed to this report.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-5	YES
	Claims	None	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-5	YES
	Claims	None	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-5	YES
	Claims	None	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The following documents identified in the International Search Report have been considered for this report:

D1: JP 55-5934 A (POLYPLASTICS CO., LTD.) 17 January 1980

D2: KR 1994-14603 A (KOREA ENGINEERING PLASTICS CO., LTD.) 19 July 1994

D2: JP 02-166151 A (TOLAY IND., INC.) 26 June 1990

Claims 1-5 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(3), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest any of the embodiments as specifically set forth in the claims.

The invention claimed in claim 1 relates to a polyacetal composition having excellent wear resistance and an excellent abrasion-preventing effect.

Comparing claim 1 with D1 to D3, the subject matter of claim 1 differs from the teachings of D1 to D3 in that it uses a hydroxyl pentaerythritol fatty acid ester represented by Formula 4, which is a hydroxyl fatty acid derivative and which includes a symmetrical structure of hydroxide groups. Said hydroxyl pentaerythritol fatty acid ester of claim 1 is used to increase compatibility between polyethylene vinylacetate and a polyacetal resin, thus to inhibit the surface abrasion of molded articles, and also functions to increase the resistance to friction and wear of the polyacetal resin composition against metals.

Therefore, the subject matter of claim 1 is considered to be novel and to involve an inventive step; consequently, the subject matter of dependent claims 2-5 is also novel and inventive.

Claims 1-5 meet the criteria of PCT Article 33(4), IA, because the invention is industrially applicable.